



EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Further to your information request FOI/EIR 23/24-145, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

Please provide the following information for your Council for 2022/23 (or the current position)

1. The net Revenue Cost for the whole Council
2. The total cost (Staff salaries, on-costs, system costs, supplies costs, transport costs) of your Internal Audit and Counter Fraud Function
3. Number of FTE staff in your Internal Audit and Counter Fraud service
4. The number of Audit days undertaken by the Internal Audit and Counter Fraud service
5. The productive days per FTE Internal Audit and Counter Fraud staff member:
6. Number of FTE Internal Audit and Counter Fraud staff members
 - i. Qualified
 - ii. Part Qualified
 - iii. % of High/Medium Audit recommendations agreed and management actions Implemented
7. When was Counter Fraud plan last updated
8. Number of FTE staff dedicated to Counter Fraud promotion
9. Number of FTE staff dedicated to Counter Fraud investigations
10. Number of Fraud incidents reported
11. Number of Fraud incidents investigated
12. Number of Fraud prosecutions initiated
13. Identified value of fraud savings/recovered

Response:

East Cambridgeshire District Council does not have a fraud team. We have a Partnering and Delegation agreement with North Northamptonshire Council for our Internal Audit Service. In 2022-23 we purchased 210 days of Audit time at a cost of £73,877.

For our Revenues and Benefits, we use Anglia Revenues Partnership, who provide services for five Local Authorities. We have provided information below from a Counter Fraud perspective, however, please note that the staffing numbers outlined are for the whole of ARP and not just East Cambridgeshire District Council.

1. We do not hold this information as a separate cost for East Cambridgeshire District Council
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3. Counter Fraud - 10 absolute (total number of staff across ARP). 8.5 FTE
4. We do not hold this information specifically for Audit
5. We are unsure what this means
6.
 - i. Qualified - 3 Accredited Counter Fraud Specialists (across ARP)
 - ii. Part Qualified - 1 working towards accreditation (across ARP)
 - iii. % of High/Medium Audit recommendations agreed and management actions Implemented
7. Created annually and updated quarterly
8. 8.5 FTE
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10. 39
11. 14
12. 1
13. £183,761.34

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 23/24-145.

If information has been refused please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach foi@eastcambs.gov.uk and request a review. A request for review must be made in no more than 40 working days from the date of this email.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under s50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.